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1. FOREIGN MINISTER KIM YONG SHIK TOLD ME THAT SECOND DRAFT OF STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY PRESIDENT PARK ON FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT BLUE HOUSE. HE SAID HE HWOULD HAVE AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION MADE FOR DISCUSSION WITH ME. I TOLD HIM I EXPECTED TO HAVE SOME VIEWS FROM WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSION OSOON AND ASKED THAT THEIR DRAFT REMAIN TENTATIVE AND WITH BUILT- IN FLEXIBILITY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY IDEAS WE MAY HAVE. HE REPLIED HE HAD SPOKEN TO PRESIDENT PARK OF DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING DRAFT IN GENERAL TERMS UNTIL CO DULTATION COMPLETED WITH US.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER REAFFIRMED PLAN FOR STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED ON JUNE 23. PRESIDENT PARK WAS PRESENTLY THINKING OF CONVENING SPECIAL SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AT WHICH STATEMENT WILL BE PRESENTED IN ORDER TO SECURE WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR WHAT ALL WILL RECOGNIZE AS A MAJOR STEP IN ROK FOREIGN POLICY.

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